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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. At the request of the Conference of the Parties,[1] the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) considered the experience of conducting desk reviews of greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories taking into consideration the relevant conclusions from the meetings of GHG inventory lead reviewers up to 2017.[2]

2. Noting the conclusions from the 15th meeting of GHG inventory lead reviewers,[3] the SBSTA welcomed the information on the improvements in conducting desk reviews and recognized that ensuring a sufficient number of experts for desk reviews has been a challenge for the secretariat.

3. The SBSTA invited Parties to encourage and facilitate the participation of their nominated experts in desk reviews to enable the secretariat to organize desk reviews with the sufficient number of experts and ensure geographical balance in the expert review teams.

4. The SBSTA noted from the conclusions from the meetings of lead reviewers referred to in paragraph 1 above that the organization of desk reviews has benefited from

[1] Decision 13/CP.20, paragraph 15.

[2] The conclusions are available at https://unfccc.int/process/transparency-and-reporting/reporting-and-review-under-the-convention/greenhouse-gas-inventories-annex-i-parties/review-process. The conclusions from the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th meetings are also annexed to documents FCCC/SBSTA/2014/INF.17, FCCC/SBSTA/2015/INF.9, FCCC/SBSTA/2016/INF.11 and FCCC/SBSTA/2017/INF.8, respectively.

[3] See paragraphs 9–12 of the conclusions, available at http://unfccc.int/files/national_reports/annex_i_ghg_inventories/review_process/application/pdf/ghg-lrs-2018-conclusions_recommendations.pdf.

the actions proposed in those conclusions. The SBSTA invited GHG inventory lead reviewers to continue considering at their meetings the experience of conducting desk reviews and suggesting how to improve the operationalization of the reviews.

5. The SBSTA agreed to continue its consideration of this matter at SBSTA 51 (November 2019).